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News Release

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – April 2013

FOR ADULTS

Monday / 1, 8, 15, 22, 29/ 6:00 PM

Monday GED Class / Get ready to take the GED test in this drop in class for adults, ages 16 and up. Space is limited. First come, first served

Tuesday / 2, 9, 16, 23, 30/ 10:30 AM

Job Club / Career Counselors Ginny Ruder and Rose Macom will lead an ongoing weekly job club. The discussion topics may include writing resumes and cover letters, preparing for an interview, using the Internet and social media together with the Library's resources to conduct a job search, and tips on developing a strong professional network. While it's recommended you attend as often as possible, you are welcome to come when you're able. Each session will include time to ask questions and share ideas with the group and career counselor.

Wednesday / 3/ 6:30 PM

Poetry Slam and Open Mic / Our exciting "1st Wednesday" series continues with Open Mic, SLAM competition and guest poet Marty McConnell, author of *Wine for a Shotgun*, published last fall by EM Press. A member of seven National Poetry Slam teams representing New York City and Chicago, McConnell is the 2012 National Underground Poetry Individual Competition (NUPIC) Champion. To take part in the open mic or slam, please register at 6:30 p.m. and bring two original poems of up to three minutes each. Registration closes promptly at 7, and the program starts shortly thereafter. Co-hosted by local poet and slammaster Eric ZORK Alan. Refreshments are served and all are welcome! Questions? Contact program librarian Miriam Varian by phone (422-6980) or e-mail (mvarian@whiteplainslibrary.org). Poetry Slam is a project of the White Plains Library Foundation.

Thursday / 4/ 2:00 PM

"Wonderful Town" Book Discussion Series / White Plains Librarian Barbara Wenglin returns to explore compelling short stories from the acclaimed anthology, *Wonderful Town: New York Stories from The New Yorker ~ Celebrating 75 years of the magazine's enduring literary influence*, edited by David Remnick (Random House, 2000). We will use the same book from the fall, with copies to borrow and one kept at the Reference Desk for reading in the Library. For this session, please read "The Cafeteria" by Isaac Bashevis Singer and "Signs and Symbols" by Vladimir Nabokov. Please register once for series--come when you're able, not required to attend every session. Refreshments served, all welcome!

Saturday / 6, 13, 20, 27/ 10:00 AM

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Thursday / 18/ 2:00 PM

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Sunday / 7/ 2:00 PM

The Power of Poetry & Literature in Troubled Times with Prof. Lee Schlesinger / Professor Lee Schlesinger of Purchase College returns to inspire us in defending the value and meaning of poetry and literature in our hectic, technology-driven world. With passion and insight, Dr. Schlesinger brings examples of enduring works that lift the spirit and illuminate the soul. Refreshments served, all welcome!

Sunday / 14/ 2:00 PM

"Still Here Thinking of You: A Second Chance with Our Mothers" / The faint scent of perfume after a kiss... the bitter sting of a slap in the face... a younger brother and sister given away for adoption... unspoken words and hidden secrets... these are among the vivid memories that four authors capture when writing about their mothers in a new book, *Still Here Thinking of You: A Second Chance with Our Mothers*, published on March 1, 2013, by Big Table Publishing. Reflecting on their formative years and beyond, authors Vicki Addesso, Susan Hodara, Joan Potter, and Lori Toppel grapple with the circumstances that shaped their mothers' lives, thus deepening their understanding of their relationships with their mothers and the love they shared. Themes the authors will explore: looking back at the mother-child relationship, the ins and outs of an enduring writing group, how writing about a significant experience can alter one's understanding of it and of oneself, publishing with a small press.

Sunday / 21/ 2:00 PM

Brian Lam, Pianist - Clarice Wilson Memorial Concert / Join us for the 14th annual Clarice Wilson Memorial Concert, featuring classical pianist Brian Lam. A native of Hong Kong, Fung Yuen (Brian) Lam started playing the piano at age four. He is presently a scholarship piano performance major at Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music, City University of New York, where he studies with Adam Kent. In 2006, he became the youngest prize winner at the 58th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival, performing works by J.S. Bach. This concert is funded by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Wednesday / 24/ 7:30 PM

Online Job Search / Looking for a job? Looking to switch careers? Are you curious about what resources are available on the web to help you find a new job? Then this hands-on class is for you! Register on our website.

Thursday / 25/ 2:00 PM

Celebrating National Poetry Month with Prof. Eleanor Ehrenkranz / Professor Eleanor Ehrenkranz of Pace University will discuss and read from her compelling anthology, *Explaining Life: The Wisdom of Modern Jewish Poetry ~ 1960-2010*. The collection features such poets as Yehuda Amichai, Stanley Kunitz, Louise Gluck, Marge Piercy and Robert Pinsky, with themes of love, loss, family relationships and renewal. Refreshments served, all welcome!

Sunday / 28/ 3:00 PM

Testimony of the Human Spirit – Six Survivors Tell The History of the Holocaust / Narrated by Eli Wallach, this four-part documentary examines the Holocaust through the eyes of six men and women who were children or teenagers in Europe during the Third Reich. Written and directed by Sarah Kate Robbins. Produced by the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center, Purchase, NY. For mature audiences; parental discretion advised.

FOR TEENS

Monday / 1/ 6:30 PM

Fashion Design: The Art of Tissue Design, a Tactile Experience! / Come and participate in the incredible art form called "The Art of Tissue Design". This is a very tactile experience using cool water, watercolors, paper, hands and paper towels. We will create beautiful 3-dimensional fashion designs on paper. Fashion Designer Denise Proctor will share this unique fashion design art form. Registration is required, limited to 10 participants. Refreshments will be served.

Monday / 8/ 4:30 PM

Teen Advisory Group / For teens. You talk, we listen! Come and give your ideas on what you want to see in the library from movies to music to books. Help us plan teen events and let us know what you want from the library. Pizza and snacks will be served after the meeting.

Tuesdays / 9, 16, 23, 30/ 6:30 PM

Yoga for Teens / Do yoga, feel good. Registration is not required but greatly appreciated. Snacks will be served

FOR CHILDREN

Tuesday / 2/ 11:00 AM

Silly Read Aloud with Surprise Character Visit / Join us for a silly story followed by a visit from a surprise character in costume! For children ages 2 years and up with caregiver.

Thursday / 11/ 4:30 PM

Wii Fun For Kids / Join in the Wii Fun games for kids! The competition takes place on the big screen in The Trove's Galaxy Hall. For boys and girls in grades 1 to 5.

Wednesday / 17/ 7:00 PM

Bilingual Family Night / Storytime in English & Spanish for children and their families. Includes craft & a cookie snack.

Sunday / 21/ 2:00 PM

Earth Day Stories and a Recycled Craft / Come listen to some songs and stories about recycling in honor of Earth Day. Then we will make a craft using recycled materials. For families with elementary school age children. Tickets distributed a half hour before the program.

Monday / 29/ 11:00 AM

Trove @ The Movies: "Peter Pan" / Presenting Disney's animated classic "Peter Pan". Based on the book by J.M. Barrie, this is the story of Wendy & her brothers who are whisked away to the magical world of Neverland with the hero of their stories, Peter Pan. Rated G, 77 mins.

Monday / 29/ 3:00 PM

Big Silly Spring Hat Craft / Join in the April fun and foolishness! Make a big silly spring hat from a recycled brown grocery bag. For children grades K - 6. Tickets are needed and will be given out a half-hour before the program.

Tuesday / 30/ 7:00 PM

El Día De Los Niños / O Día Dos Meninos/Children's Day / Join us in a program celebrating the fun of different cultural & linguistic backgrounds. This program will be presented in English, Spanish & Portuguese. El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), known as Día, is a celebration EVERY DAY of children, families, and reading that culminates every year on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.